

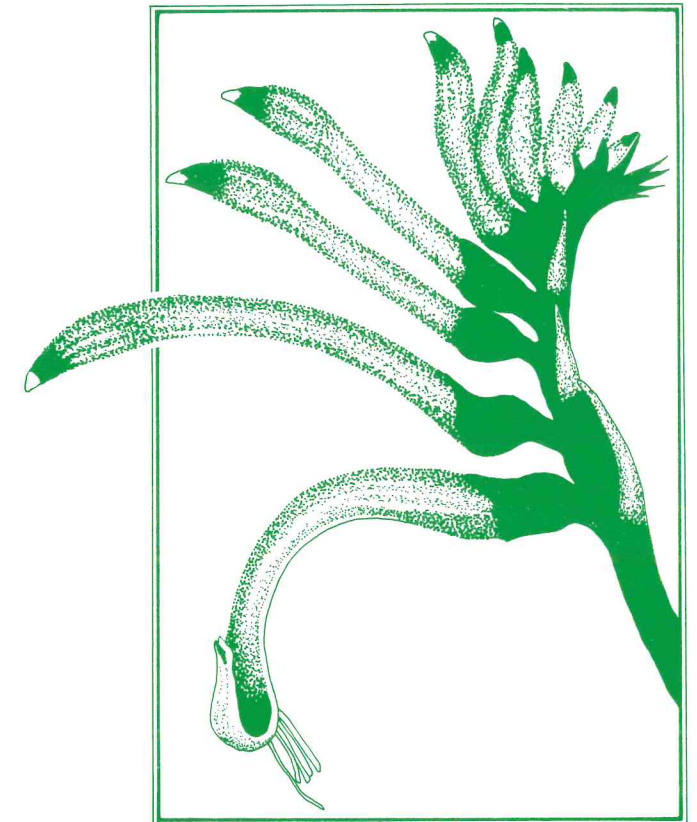
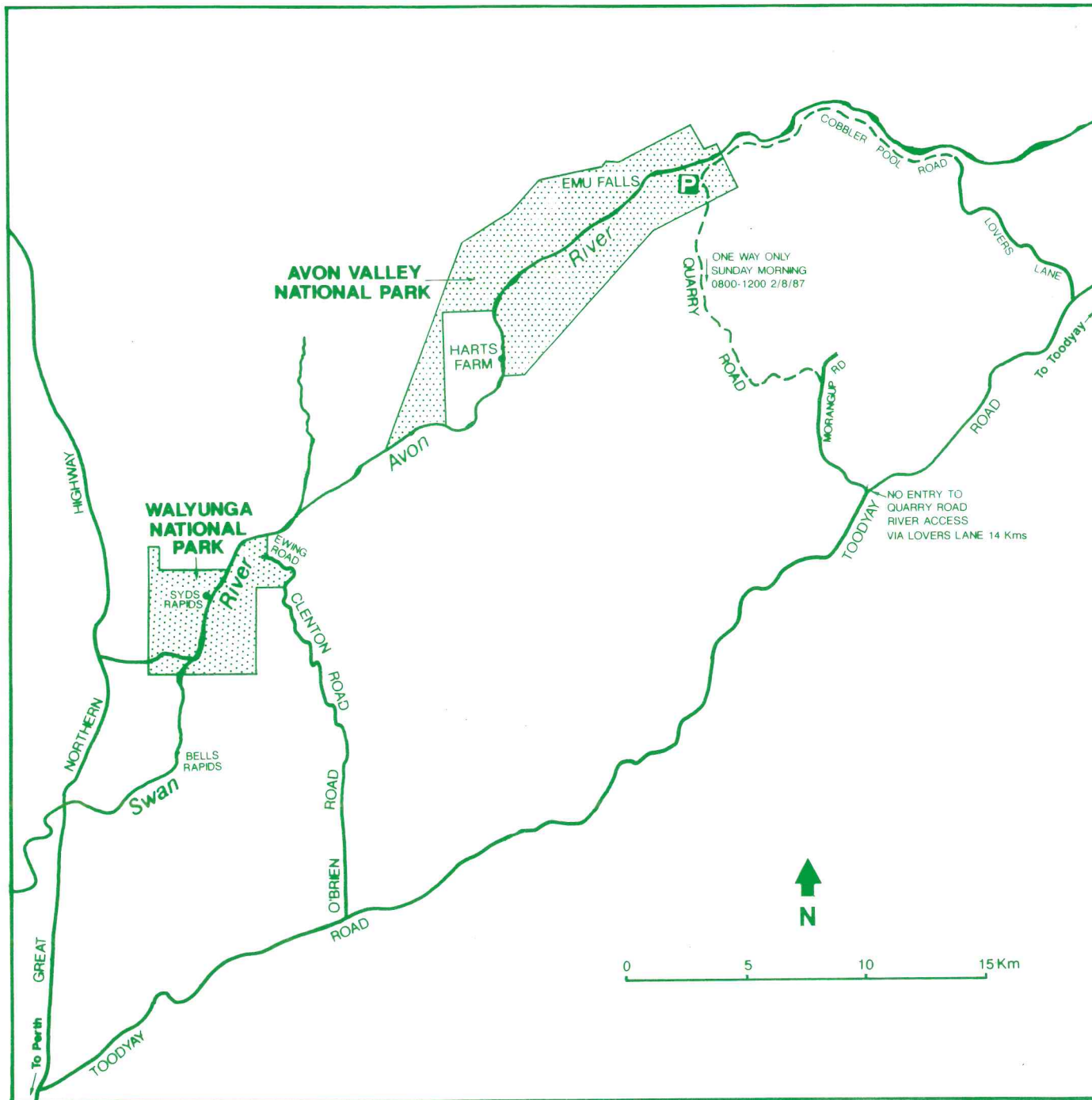
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WALYUNGA AND AVON VALLEY

NATIONAL PARKS



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Walyunga National Park sits on the very rim of the Darling Scarp, and protects nearly 1800 ha of virgin bushland and its resident native animals.

Avon Valley National Park lies upstream on the Avon River, and protects about 4,500 ha of native woodland and forest.

Running through these two national parks, the Swan River and Avon River drain the west-facing slopes of the Scarp and its eastern hinterland. During summer the river recedes to a series of pools, but in winter, the stretch of river through the Parks becomes a raging torrent to test the skills of the finest white-water canoeists.

The annual Avon Descent course runs through these two National Parks and includes several of the major rapids on the course.

ACCESS DURING THE AVON DESCENT

During the Avon Descent the best viewing in the National Parks is at Syd's Rapids in Walyunga and Emu Falls in Avon Valley.

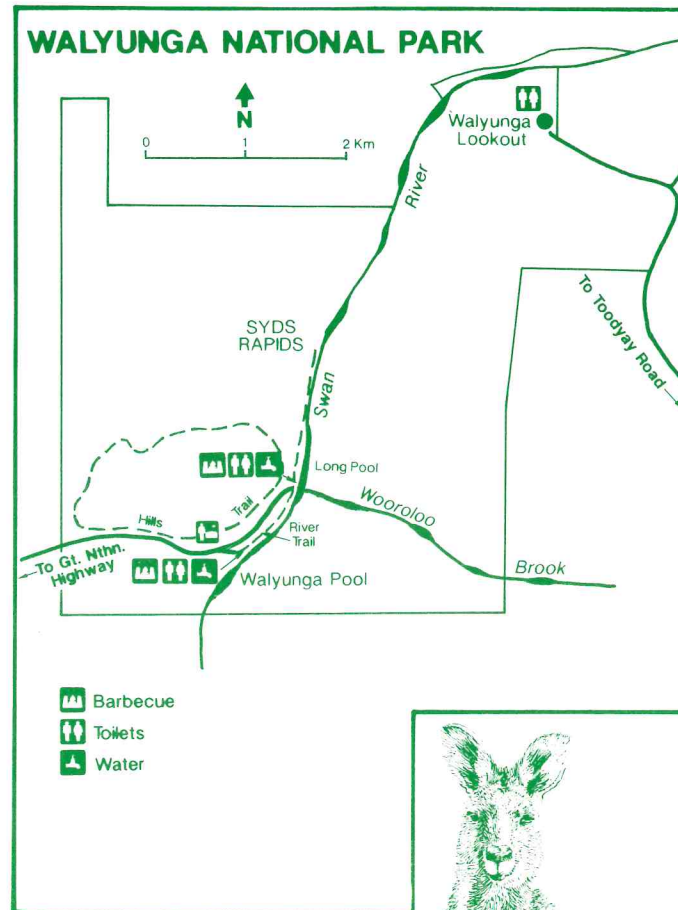
WALYUNGA

A parking area is provided outside the Walyunga National Park entrance. Only support crews will be permitted to drive into the Park itself. A shuttle bus service will operate to take visitors into the Park.

Walktrails lead along the river between Walyunga Pool and Syd's Rapids (see map). At Long Pool a control point, first aid post and pie van will operate. Parking for support crews, a boat refuelling stop and race information are provided at Walyunga Pool.

AVON VALLEY

Emu Falls are the first big rapid on the course. A walk of about one kilometre leads from the parking area at the junction of Quarry Road and the railway line. Take care when crossing the railway. Between 8 am and 12 noon on Sunday 2/8/87 the road will be one-way only leading out of the Park. Enter via Lover's Lane (see map).



BUSHWALKS – WALYUNGA

River Trail 2 km return.

This trail meanders beneath casuarinas and river gums between Walyunga and Long Pool. Syd's Rapids Trail 3 km return.

Features excellent views of Avon Descent action. Follow the path along the grassy floodplain of the Swan River. Watch for grey kangaroos. Return the same way.



CARING FOR WALYUNGA AND AVON VALLEY

BE CAREFUL: Stay on paths and help prevent erosion. Your safety in natural areas is our concern, but your responsibility.

BE CLEAN: Put your litter in bins, or better still, take it with you.

BE COOL: Light fires only in fireplaces provided. Bring your portable gas stove.

PROTECT ANIMALS AND PLANTS:

No firearms or pets, please.

STAY ON THE ROAD:

Follow signs and stay on roads marked in this brochure. Normal road rules apply.



FURTHER INFORMATION

National park rangers and forest officers are always glad to help. Don't hesitate to contact them if you need information or assistance. They will be available at Walyunga Pool, Long Pool, Syd's Rapids, and Walyunga Lookout during the event.

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